are made to the Army under book debit system, thus, it is not correct to say that funds from the Army budget are diverted to the defence PSU and OFB.

(c) Upgradation and moderniation of Army is a continuous and on going process. All steps are being taken to upgrade and modernise the Indian Army, keeping in the view threat perceptions.

FRT Adiytya for Navy

4730. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether INS-Aditya, an advanced Fleet Replenishment Tanker has joined the Navy's tanker fleet;

(b) if so, the main features of this new tanker; and

(c) how far it has helped Indian acquire blue-water capability?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is a 24,612 tonnes Replenishment Tanker capable of replenishing Fleet Ships at sea while underway. It also carries helicopters which can be used for vertical replenishment.

(c) The ship can support fleet operations for extended duration and extended ranges.

Defence Personnel in Pak Jails

4731. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appeared in "The Hindustan Times" of 20th April, 2000 titled "Missing Defence Personnel's relatives see ray of hope".;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are a number of defence personnel languishing in Pakistan jails since 1971 as PoW;;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what actions have been taken by Government to obtain their release?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.